



EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
OF THE UNITED STATES

April 8, 2011

Ex-Im Contractors,

As we get closer to a lapse in funding, the President continues to believe that a shutdown can and should be avoided, and continues to work to that end.

At the moment, however, there is no agreement, and responsible contingency planning requires us to continue to plan for an orderly shutdown if Congress does not pass a funding bill.

This communication is to inform you of the Export – Import Bank’s intentions in the event we must shutdown as a result of a lapse of appropriations. In the absence of appropriations, the Bank will shutdown all but “excepted” activities and will prevent access to the building by anyone who is not on the “excepted” list. Your firm will not be expected to perform until new appropriations are authorized.

Your contract contains the “subject to availability of funds” clause. You are being notified that, absent an appropriation, funds are NOT expected to be available beyond April 8, 2011.

Even if your contract is currently fully funded, your employees will not be allowed access to the building and so cannot perform. The only exception to this would be if during the shutdown one or more of your staff is changed from the “non-excepted” status to the “excepted” status.

If you have any questions you may call Phillip Barber at 202-565-3341. Email will not be operational during a shutdown. Since Mr. Barber will be the only Contracting Officer on the “excepted” list, it may take some time for him to return your call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Pitra", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark D. Pitra
Chief Acquisition Officer